

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Pflueger
Filed : December 30, 2003
Title : STENT FOR MAINTAINING PATENCY OF A BODY REGION
TC/A.U. : NA
Examiner : NA
Docket No. : D-3090
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PETITION FOR CORRECTED FILING DATE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10(c)

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to accord the above-identified patent application a filing date of December 30, 2003.

Applicant's undersigned attorney recently became aware that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will accord a filing date other than the United States Postal Service (USPS) deposit date of the above-identified application. In that regard, attached as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the self-addressed stamped postcard that was received by the undersigned's office on January 13, 2004. As indicated by the USPTO barcode label, the above-identified application appears to

reflect a filing date of December 31, 2003. However, as indicated on the postcard, the date of mailing is indicated as December 30, 2003.

Attached as Exhibit 2 is a copy of the Express Mail Certificate bearing the number of the Express Mail mailing label. In addition, the Express Mail Certificate indicates that the date of deposit of the above-identified patent application, drawings, and related documents was December 30, 2003.

Attached as Exhibit 3 is a true copy of the Express Mail mailing label (Customer Copy) showing that the date of deposit being December 30, 2003. Applicant submits that the official USPS circular ink stamp near the center of the mailing label correctly reflects the December 30, 2003 date of deposit. In addition, the "date-in" field correctly identifies the date of deposit as December 30, 2003. The "date in" field was originally incorrectly filled in by a USPS employee as December 31, 2003. The undersigned, on December 30, 2003, reviewed the Express Mail mailing label (Customer Copy) and instructed one of his employees to return to the Post Office and have the "date-in" field corrected.

The "date-in" field on the Express Mail mailing label (Customer Copy) was corrected by the USPS on December 30, 2003 after the above-identified application was deposited with the USPS, and is evidenced by the initial "M" of a USPS employee on the Express Mail mailing label (Customer Copy). See Exhibit 3. The envelope containing the above-identified application had apparently already been dispatched from the Post Office when this correction was made. Thus, the Express Mail mailing label

attached to this envelope had a "date-in" field which was incorrectly dated. It is believed that this incorrectly filled in "date-in" field was used to incorrectly accord the filing date to the above-identified application.

The facts as summarized above make clear that the true filing date of the above-identified application is December 30, 2003.

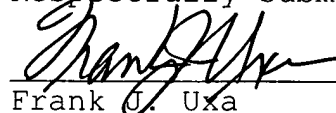
In view of the above, applicant submits that all of the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.10(c) have been satisfied. Thus, applicant respectfully requests that this petition be granted and that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of December 30, 2003.

Applicant requests that any fee required in connection with this Petition for Corrected Filing Date under 37 CFR § 1.10(a) be charged to Deposit Account No. 21-0890.

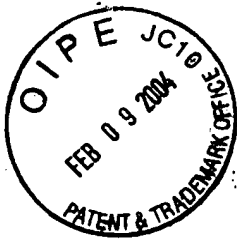
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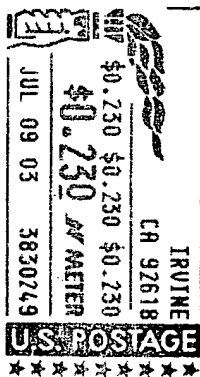
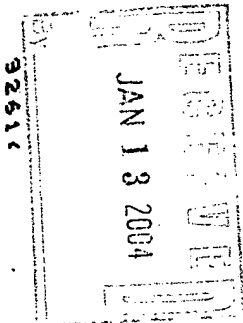
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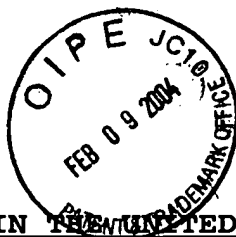
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1. Application Transmittal;
2. Application;
3. Drawings (informal);
4. Declaration (unsigned);
5. Application Data Sheet;
6. Request for Non-Publication; and
7. Return receipt postcard.

The 7 above-identified documents are enclosed herewith.

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